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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of Kenjiro YOSHIOKA, Kiyoteru KATSUKI and Tomoe ARUGA
BELT MEMBER INCORPORATED IN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref. Q78047

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising eighty-one (81) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and eighteen (18) sheets of drawings (figures 1-32). **The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee, copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.** Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>18</u>	-	20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=	<u> </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee										\$770.00
TOTAL FEE										<u>\$770.00</u>



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-303956	October 18, 2002
Japan	2002-303957	October 18, 2002
Japan	2002-303958	October 18, 2002

The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on **Saturday, October 18, 2003**, the filing of this application on **Monday, October 20, 2003** is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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